



**PATENT**

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FOR : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FUEL CELLS  
AND FUEL CELLS MANUFACTURED BY THE  
METHOD  
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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 17, 18 and 19 as indicated below.

1. (Twice amended) A method of manufacturing a fuel cell by fixing a polymer electrolyte film to a carbon separator, said method comprising the steps of:  
causing the polymer electrolyte film to have a water content of not greater than 4,  
which is expressed as a molar fraction of  $H_2O$ ; and